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RE: Simplot Phosphates' Spill Report

Dear Sir:

Please find attached the spill report for our Hydraulic Oil Spill; this incident occurred the evening of September 6, 2012.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me (435) 781-3348.

Sincerely,

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Simplot Phosphates LLC
Chemical Spill Report

Date of spill:	**September 6, 2012**
Time of spill:	**5:45 PM**
Location of spill:	**Far West Ore Shot #26**
Estimated amount of spill (gallons):	**100 to 141 gallons**
Type of material spilled:	**Hydraulic Fluid**
Date of Chemical Spill Report:	**September 6, 2012**
Existing Weather conditions:	**Dry and Clear**
Reported by:	**Rod Weaver**
Reported to (persons and/or agencies):	**UT DEQ. John Spencer, Alan Prouty Rick Hall & Mark Krall**
Other Persons Present:	**3 truck drivers and loader operator**

Description and cause of spill: Unit 1266, the Caterpillar 992 Front End Loader experienced a catastrophic hydraulic steering hose failure resulting in a hydraulic oil spill of between 100 – 141 gallons onto the mine's pit floor. The failure happened so fast that even shutting the Loader down did not prevent the spill of additional oil to the ground. All of our major mining equipment are equipped with spill pools to try and catch the oil before it spills to the ground, but it had all spilled before the spill pool could even be deployed.

Cleanup and control action taken: The 992 Loader was immediately shut down. The D11 dozer was utilized to push up an emergency earthen berm for containment of the oil spill. Mechanics replaced the steering hose, moved the loader and cleaned up the spill. The soil contaminated with oil was scooped up later that same evening and processed through the mill, which uses oils in the flotation process.

Effectiveness of cleanup operations: The soil contaminated with diesel has all been processed thru the mill. Due to our ability to utilize oil in the beneficiation process this is a very effective cleanup. There are no oil residues or remains anywhere.

In the Event of a Spill,
Complete Form and Submit to the
Environmental Department